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FOR THE SECRETARY FROM AMBASSADOR

EO 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: FAHMY QUERY RE AGENCE FRANCE PRESS REPORT FROM ISRAEL

1. ON FAHMY'S INSTRUCTIONS, USAMA AL-BAZ TELEPHONED A FEW MINUTES AGO TO ASK FOR CLARIFICATION OF AN AGENCE FRANCE PRESS REPORT DATED TEL AVIV, NOVEMBER 19, STATING ISRAELI PAPER DAVAR REPORTED RABIN AND YOU HAVE RECENTLY HAD AN EXCHANGE OF LETTERS WHICH HELPED TO ELIMINATE SOME ASPECTS OF MISUNDERSTANDING BETWEEN USG AND GOI.

2. ACCORDING TO PRESS REPORT, YOU GAVE RABIN ASSURANCES THAT : A) USG HAS NOT PRESENTED TO SYRIA ANY PROPOSAL ON A GOLAN AGREEMENT. NO SUCH PROPOSAL WOULD BE PRESENTED EXCEPT AFTER CONSULTING WITH ISRAEL. IN GENERAL, USG WILL KEEP ITS PROMISE TO CONSULT WITH ISRAEL BEFORE UNDERTAKING ANY NEW INITIATIVE RE ARAB-ISRAELI CONFLICT; B) USG HAS TAKEN NO DECISION RE US ARMS DEAL FOR EGYPT. THE ISSUE IS STILL UNDER CONSIDERATION; C) USG POSITION ON QUESTION OF PALESTINIANS HAS NOT CHANGED. SAUNDERS' DOCUMENT DOES NOT REPRESENT ANY CHANGE IN THAT POSITION.

3. DAVAR ALLEGEDLY ADDS THAT THIS CLARIFICATION SATISFIED RABIN. ISRAELI PRESS ALSO REPORTED THAT A HIGH CONFIDENTIAL

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RANKING ISRAELI PERSONALITY HAD ASKED JOURNALISTS TO

MODERATE THEIR CRITICISM OF THE SAUNDERS' DOCUMENT.

4. ACCORDING TO AL-BAZ, FAHMY WOULD LIKE TO KNOW
WHETHER THE ABOVE ACCOUNT IS CORRECT.

5. NOTE: FAHMY IS AT HOME TODAY AND HAS TALKED
ABOUT BRINGING AFAF BACK TO THEIR APARTMENT TODAY.
HER DOCTORS HAVE ADVISED AGAINST THIS, BUT BOTH HE AND
SHE ARE A BIT IMPATIENT. I HOPE HE IS SENSIBLE AND
KEEPS HER THERE FOR A WHILE LONGER, SINCE SHE IS STILL
IN CONSIDERABLE PAIN. I EXPECT TO SEE FAHMY TOMORROW,
SATURDAY, MORNING TO DISCUSS SEVERAL MESSAGES JUST
RECEIVED FROM YOU.
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